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WASHINGTON, December 28, 1981 -- A total of 2,154 new and rebuilt freight cars were placed in service during November, compared with 3,015 in October and 4,952 in November 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Through the first 11 months of 1981, cars placed in service totaled 43,239, compared with 81,540 at the same time last year.

New cars ordered in November totaled 860, compared with 1,013 in October and 3,930 in November a year ago. Through the first 11 months of this year, 17,250 cars have been ordered, compared with 40,718 a year earlier.

As of December 1, cars on order but undelivered totaled 17,771, compared with 18,969 on November 1 and 56,233 on December 1, 1980. So far this year, the average monthly backlog is 32,116, compared with 82,110 at the same time last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR announced that 45 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in November, compared with 55 in October and 86 in November 1980. A total of 655 locomotives have been put in service through the first 11 months of 1980, compared with 1,575 at the same point a year ago.

As of December 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,606, compared with 27,772 on November 1 and 28,652 on December 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of December 1 was 166, compared with 184 on November 1 and 472 on December 1, 1980.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	November		October	Eleven Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	1,839	4,574	2,656	38,976	75,206
Built New in R.R. Shops	224	371	244	3,210	5,184
Built New - Total	2,063	4,945	2,900	42,186	80,390
Rebuilt	91	7	115	1,053	1,150
TOTAL DELIVERED	2,154	4,952	3,015	43,239	81,540
Locomotives	45	86	55	855	1,575

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	860	3,230	638	15,522	35,840
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	700	375	628	3,815
To be built New - Total	860	3,930	1,013	16,150	39,655
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	1,100	1,063
TOTAL ORDERED	860	3,930	1,013	17,250	40,718

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	December 1		November 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	15,802	51,337	16,685	29,052	76,415
To be built New in R.R. Shops	1,922	4,883	2,146	2,794	5,431
To be built New - Total	17,724	56,220	18,831	31,846	81,846
To be rebuilt	47	13	138	270	264
TOTAL ON ORDER	17,771#	56,233	18,969	32,116	82,110
Locomotives	166	472	184	307	834

\# Due to revisions of some orders, the December 1, 1981 backlog has been increased by 96 cars.

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